

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
Division of Forestry and Wildlife  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

February 11, 2010

Chairperson and Members  
Board of Land and Natural Resources  
State of Hawaii  
Honolulu, Hawaii

Land Board Members:

SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL USE PERMIT NO. FW-2010-H-02 TO  
PALANI RANCH COMPANY, INC., KAILUA-KONA, NORTH  
KONA, HAWAII, TMK (3)-7-4-002:007 and (3)-7-4-001: por.  
003.

**Background:** The subject parcels comprise portions of lands set-aside to the Division as an addition to Honuaula Forest Reserve through Governor's Executive Order No. 4166 dated July 20, 2006. Among a variety of actions, the Board previously authorized the Division to employ livestock grazing for the purposes of wildfire prevention on portions of these public lands at its May 26, 2006 meeting (Item D-2). At its meetings of February 9, 2007 (Item C-2), February 22, 2008 (Item C-4), and February 27, 2009 (Item C-2), the Board of Land and Natural Resources authorized the issuance of one-year revocable permits to Palani Ranch Company, Inc., covering the subject area for pasture purposes under specified terms and conditions.

Palani Ranch Company, Inc. seeks continued grazing access to the previously permitted areas pursuant to the terms outlined in the aforementioned Board actions. The Division supports this interest as projected forest reserve management actions for these pasture areas are still largely in planning or preliminary phases. Continued control of fuel loads will provide beneficial protection for portions of the grazed area until active ecosystem management work is initiated.

The Special Use Permit terms will remain unchanged from the terms approved by the Board on February 27, 2009 and included in the last permit that was issued; the renewed month-to-month permit would be valid for one (1) year.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board:

1. Authorize the renewal of a Special Use Permit to Palani Ranch Company, Inc., covering the subject area (Exhibit A) for pasture purposes under the terms and

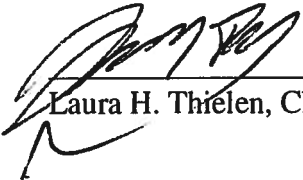
conditions approved by the Board on February 27, 2009, which are by this reference incorporated herein and further subject to the following:

- a. Review and approval by the Department of the Attorney General; and
- b. Such other terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Chairperson to best serve the interests of the State.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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PAUL J. CONRY, Administrator

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:

  
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Laura H. Thielen, Chairperson

Attachment (Exhibit A)

Exhibit A: Parcels, paddocks and road information - Honuaula Forest Reserve and adjacent lands.

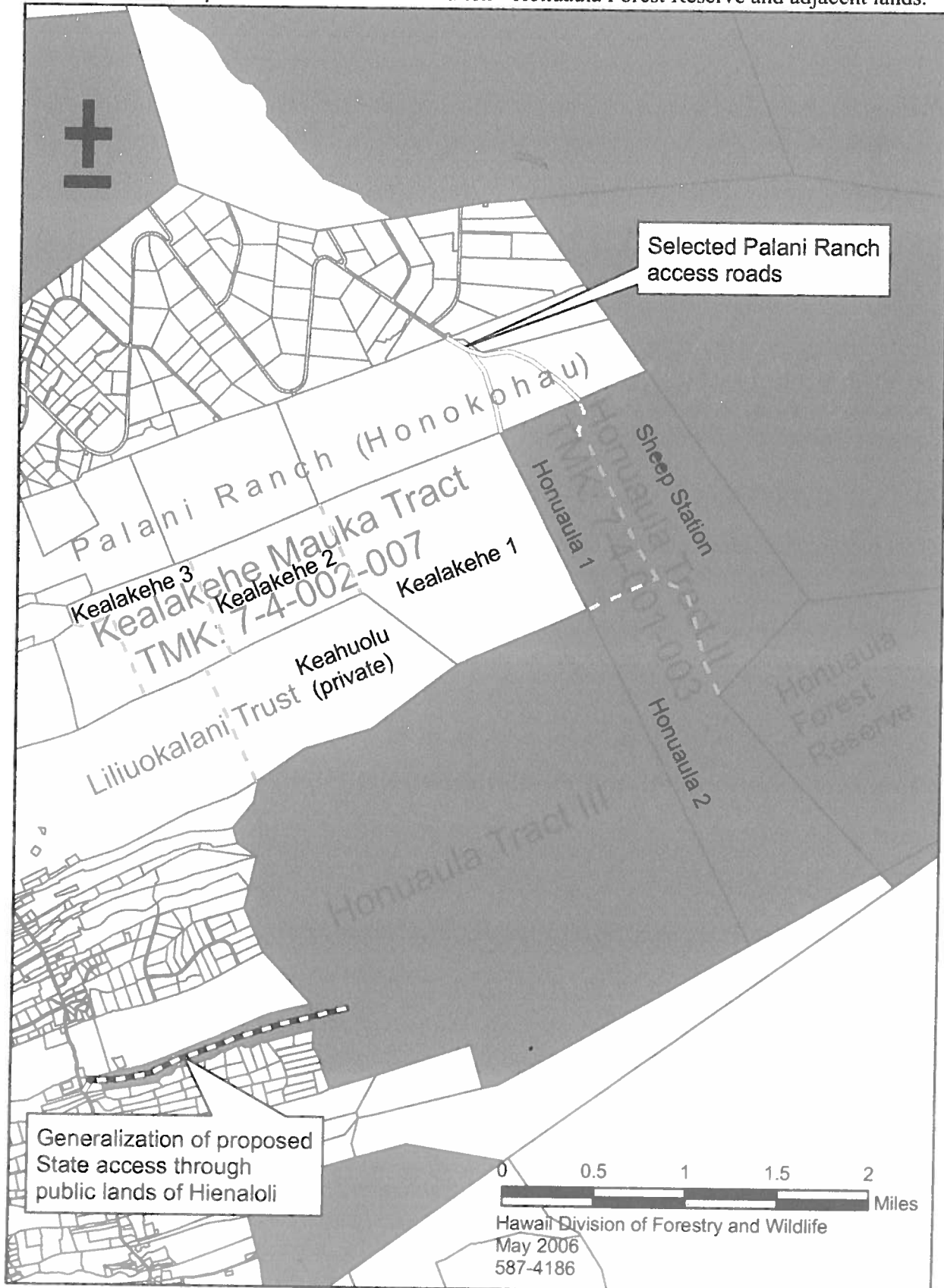


Exhibit A: Parcels, paddocks and road information - Honuauia Forest Reserve and adjacent lands.

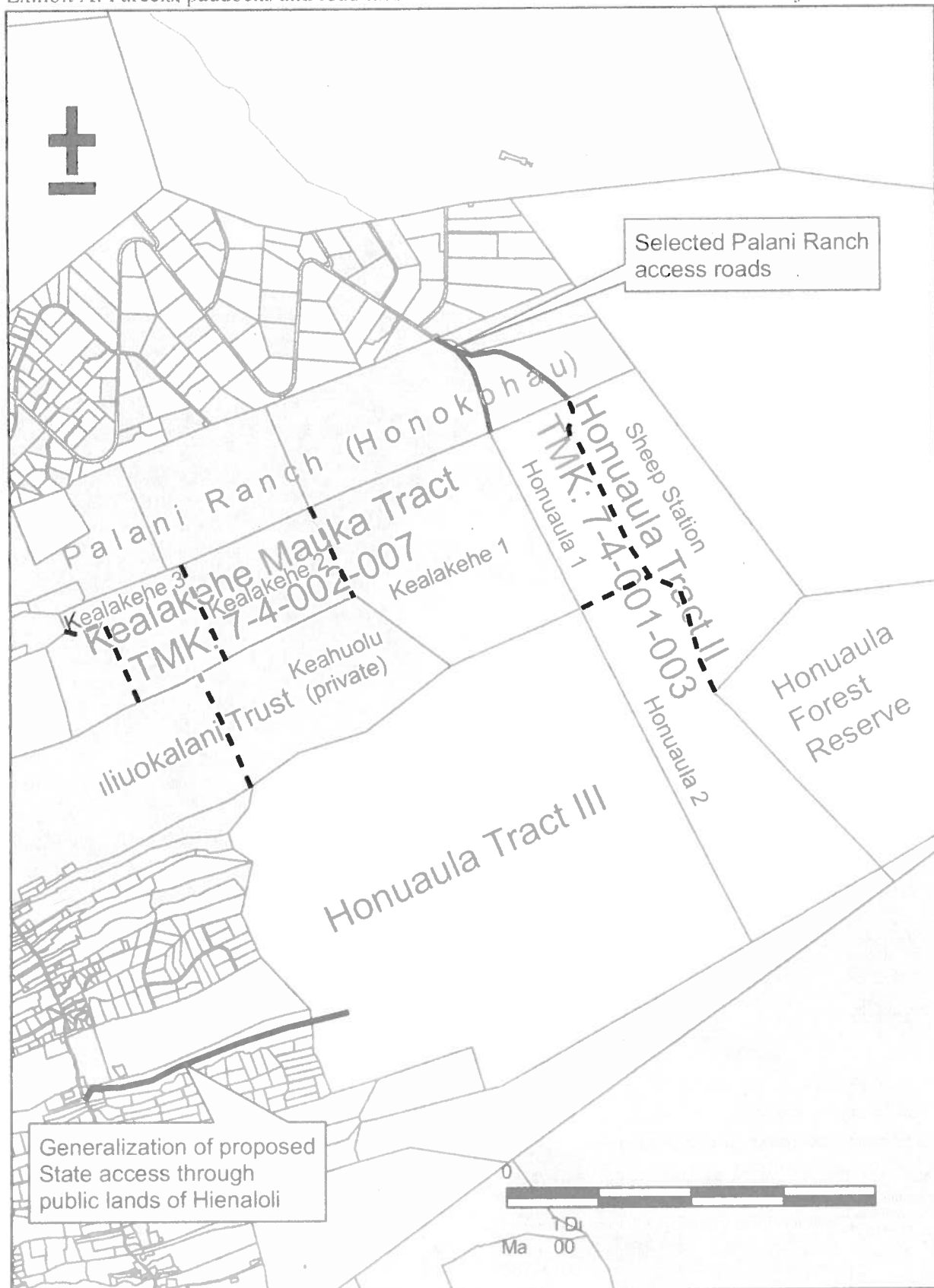


Exhibit A: Parcels, paddocks and road information - Honuaula Forest Reserve and adjacent lands.

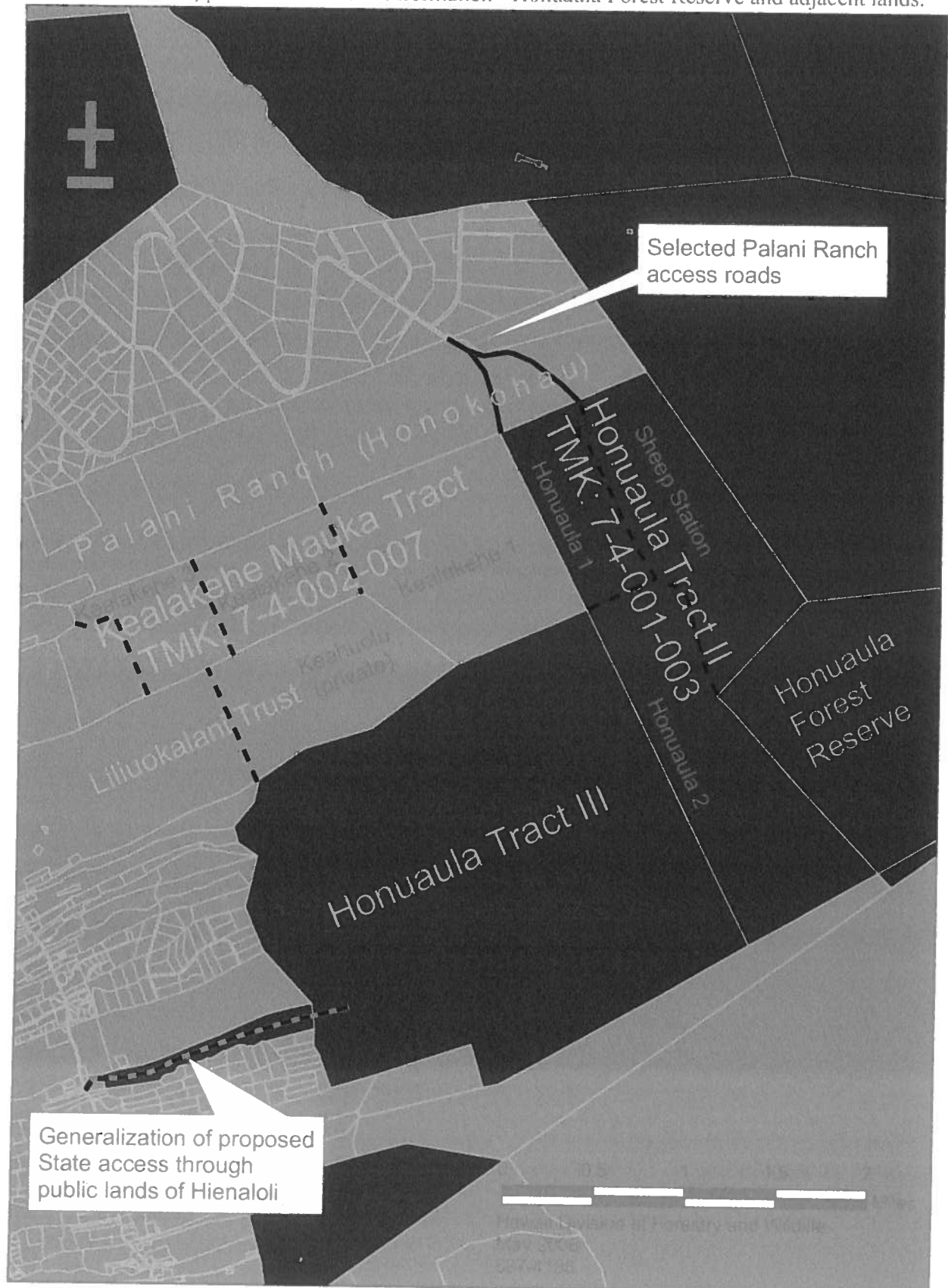


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